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Risky Business

Safety Folks Keep You Out of Hot Water

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

If you’re one of those people who piggyback extension cords, stop it. You’re making the people in Johnny Centineo’s department nervous.

That would be along with the people who extinguish cigarettes in ashtrays placed on upholstered chairs (no kidding — he has the photos to prove it) and anyone who uses chemicals for lab work and doesn’t properly store them.

The job of Centineo and the people who work for him in the department of risk management and safety is to keep the campus safe — people, buildings, property, all of it.

Despite the many challenges that presents, Centineo, who previously held a similar job at the University of Houston, said he likes the variety of both challenges and opportunities that exist at a university.

“We never have time to get bored,” he said of his staff of 21. “Something interesting is always going on.”

Checking for Problems

The staff inspects buildings and checks equipment to ensure safety. Some of the problems they find may be too discreet for the average person to notice, while some are glaringly obvious.

“People put paper around light bulbs to change the ‘atmosphere,’ with a different color,” Centineo said, with more than a hint of dismay. “Don’t ask me why.”

Then there are the ubiquitous campus golf carts. “Anyone who drives one of the carts is required to take cart safety training from us, and it’s important that they do that.”

People often speed in the carts, apparently failing to realize that driving the carts recklessly can have consequences as serious as a car accident.

On at least one occasion, an employee received a serious head injury after falling from a cart in which she was a passenger, Centineo said.

Laboratory Safety

Campus laboratories also are a concern for the risk management and safety department.

Centineo said his department already has helped some labs improve their safety by inspecting equipment, installing more eyewash stations, and helping improve the way chemicals are stored. Additionally, the department is working on improving the lab safety program campuswide.

Since there is no way for a research university to avoid having potentially hazardous chemicals for lab work and doesn’t properly store them.

Problem spots:

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By Shane Buev | Marketing & PR

Parking — yeah, we know it’s a word that makes you groan. But it’s been a while since we wrote about the most popular thing to complain about on campus. Inside UNLV sat down with Tad McDowell, director of parking services, and Mike Sauer, associate vice president for administration, to get the scoop on current parking issues.

Increased Parking: The completion of several construction projects, including two additional levels of the Cottage Grove parking garage, recently added more than 1,000 parking stalls. Since the new levels opened, the parking garage hasn’t yet been filled to capacity, even during the first week of school, McDowell noted. He added that during the first week of classes this year there were approximately 635 open spaces in the Thomas & Mack lots, plus another 500 available spaces in the parking garage.

Problem spots: The next major construction project that will impact parking is the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs. The building will be constructed at the northwest corner of Maryland Parkway and University Road.

Sauer noted that there is adequate parking on the north side and the southwest portions of campus. “However, based on preference and demand for where people want to park, we don’t have adequate parking on the southeast side of the campus (by FDH and the student union).”
Connecting with the Community

One day they weren’t here — the next day they were.

As the new academic school year began, new and returning students and the events of Rebel Connection completely altered our campus. The excitement, the energy, the events — all were part of the transformation from sleepy summer to vibrant school year.

This was my first year participating in Rebel Connection and it was a delight to see so many parents, students, faculty members, and staff taking part in the week’s welcome and orientation events. Throughout the campus, there was vitality and excitement that signified students were back.

One particular Rebel Connection event that stood out the most was the new student orientation program — it was very Las Vegas. During the program, the band, the Rebel Girls, the cheerleaders, Hey Reb! the mascot, balloons, confetti, and even an indoor fireworks show captivated everyone. Parents, students, faculty members, and staff were all singing along with pride to the Rebel fight song. It was an energizing experience and a true testament to the amount of pride that exists on our campus.

On the first day of classes, I walked the campus with Rebecca Mills, vice president of student life, and visited the various “Ask Me!” booths. Even in the extreme heat, volunteers were gladly passing out maps and water as well as offering assistance to those with questions.

Observing Student Commitment
We also walked the academic malls with students and engaged in several interesting discussions with student organization leaders. From one booth to the next, you could see the passion these students had for their individual causes and their commitment to helping new students. Walking around that day, we got the sense that students really understood that they are part of something bigger — something more than just classes — they are part of a community.

Premier UNLV was another exciting event that brought the campus community together. It was quite a sight to see more than 2,000 students with flashlights lining up to form the letters U-N-L-V on the North Field. When you see the final picture, you may not realize how difficult it was getting all the students together.

The week culminated with our first Rebel football game of the season. It was thrilling to see so many people supporting our team and getting enthusiastic about what was a very solid win.

Successful Rebel Connection
Rebel Connection was the first example this year of the kinds of activities that happen outside the classroom to enrich the student experience and bring our entire campus community together. The events were a true reflection of our remarkable city and a reminder that UNLV is a unique place that many people cherish and enjoy. Indeed, it was a tremendous experience for all, including me. I am extremely proud and grateful of our entire community for making Rebel Connection an overwhelming success.

Parking Spaces Added and Lost This Semester

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Convenient parking at an urban university is always an issue and cause for complaint, McDowell said. “We are busy and task-oriented people and want to be able to park as quickly as possible to get to where we are going.”

The Administration’s View on Parking: The administration considers parking important and discusses parking issues on a regular basis, Sauer said. The university recently re-established the Parking Advisory Committee, a group that includes faculty, professional and classified staff, and students. The administration has asked the committee for input on parking issues important to the campus community. These include curb- ing abuses of handicapped parking stalls, parking fine amounts, future parking garages, and the current method of reserving spaces for faculty, staff, and students.

“Our goal is to protect parking and provide the best parking solutions,” Sauer said. “We don’t want someone not to come to UNLV because of parking.”

In addition, parking services has increased enforcement by having enforcement staff patrol the faculty/staff lots on a more regular basis.

Parking Options: Although parking isn’t convenient for everyone, UNLV offers a variety of options. The free lot north of Eller Media Softball Stadium on Harmon Avenue is an option for those more concerned about costs than convenience. For those who want to avoid parking lots at all costs, reserved parking might be worth the extra price. For something in between, look to “The Ride,” a free shuttle service offered by UNLV parking services and CSUN. Now in its second year, the service is currently transporting between 600 and 700 people per day, according to McDowell. Ridership increased last year once the route was condensed. Instead of traveling the entire perimeter of campus, the shuttles bring riders from the Thomas & Mack lots and the free lot to the center of campus in front of the Harry Reid Center.

“It’s very important for the shuttle to be just as convenient as a good parking spot,” McDowell said. “You can park close to a shuttle stop and it will have you in the core of campus in a matter of minutes, while driving around looking for a parking spot can cause a lot of stress.”

Why do we pay for parking? Parking services is a self-funded, auxiliary enterprise. Permit fees, meter collections, and fines finance such things as the parking garage expansion and the salaries of the parking services staff.

Parking permit fees increased 8 percent this year. According to Sauer, the reason for the increase is because the university is planning to build another parking garage, and the gradual permit increase will prevent dramatic increases in future permit costs.

More info: Contact parking services at ext. 5-1300 or visit parking.unlv.edu.

| Club Ride Offers A Way to Beat Gas Pump Woes |

Interested in carpooling? Club Ride is a free program sponsored by the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada that encourages commuters to use alternate modes of transportation, such as carpools, public transit, and walking and biking.

If you formally participate in Club Ride at least four times per month, you are eligible for monthly prize drawings that include bus passes, gift cards, and mugs. In addition, participating in Club Ride will decrease air pollution and traffic congestion and will save you money on your gasoline bill.

More info: Contact parking services at ext. 5-1300 or visit www.rtcsouthernnevada.com/tdm/clubride.htm.

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Curators Primed to Strike Gold

Memorabilia Needed for UNLV’s 50th Celebration

By Cate Weeks | Marketing & PR

Robert Lynn knew someday someone would want the bit of campus the grounds crew stashed in the fenced yard behind the Facilities Maintenance Administration building. That day is arriving this fall as organizers of UNLV’s 50th anniversary celebration begin collecting memorabilia for a special exhibit.

Lynn, facilities supervisor for the grounds crew, rescued from a construction dumpster a marble monument recognizing the woman who donated the original 60 acres of land UNLV was built on. It was removed years ago when the campus entrance in front of Frazier Hall was remodeled.

“It’s a piece of our history, a piece that marks the very beginning of UNLV,” Lynn said. “No one knew quite what to do with it, but we didn’t want to just throw it away.”

Schyler Richards, chair of the anniversary committee, is glad the facilities crew thought to keep the memorial. She hopes other employees will scour their closets — at work and home — for pieces of memorabilia for next fall’s exhibit at the Barrick Museum.

“The exhibit will celebrate all the people who have been part of the Rebel family for 50 years,” Richards said. “UNLV’s history is so much more than the buildings we’ve built and the programs we added. We hope the people who have lived UNLV’s history will share their memorabilia and, more important, the stories behind their pieces.”

The biggest temporary exhibit the museum has hosted, it will chronicle the evolution of UNLV since the 1957 opening of its first building, Maude Frazier Hall. Combining photos and memorabilia, the exhibit will focus on campus life and the changing makeup of the student body, academic development, and architectural changes.

Museum curator Aurore Giguet emphasized that items don’t need to be old to be of value. “A CSUN flyer from two years ago is as important as an election button from the 1960s,” Giguet said. “It may actually be harder for us to find modern-day items. People don’t hold on to things as much these days, and they might not see its value yet.”

Lending Process

During homecoming week, Oct. 30-Nov. 3, staff at the museum and in Tam Alumni Center will be available to collect your items. You will be issued a receipt. Museum staff will then catalog the memorabilia.

Rebel Trivia: Who Donated the First Land for UNLV?

Estelle Cornish Wilbourn, along with her husband, Howard, donated the first 60 acres of UNLV’s land in 1954. Estelle had owned the land before marrying Howard. The couple grew barley, with some difficulty, for several years before moving to California, according to a Las Vegas Review-Journal article. The 1979 article went on to detail the dedication ceremony for a memorial to Estelle. Brock Dixon, acting UNLV president at the time, was quoted as saying, “It is only with maturing, and even age, I think, that we begin to appreciate the past. Perhaps UNLV is approaching a state of maturation, for we are met today, soberly and joyfully, to celebrate a critical element in our institutional history.”

Invent The Future

Planned Giving Helps Donors Determine Their Options

New “Create Your Legacy” Website Launched

By Jennifer Lawson | UNLV Foundation

Spanish professor Don Schmiedel remembers feeling like a pioneer when he arrived in campus in 1965.

“It was an adventure to come here so many years ago,” the Ohio native said. “It was such a small, crude, undeveloped campus then, and it has come to maturity with an amazing speed.”

Schmiedel retired in 1999, but wanted to remain a part of the campus’s continuing growth. Three years ago, he and his wife, Grace, a retired kindergarten teacher, established a charitable gift annuity — an arrangement in which he transfers cash to the university and, in exchange, receives payments based on a percentage of that sum each year for life.

“We just wanted to have some continuity, some attachment to the place where we had been so long,” he said. The UNLV Foundation had such pioneers in mind when developing its new planned giving website, said Bud Beekman, the foundation’s director of planned giving.

Philosophical Change

“We made some fundamental changes in the philosophy behind the website,” he said. “A small group of folks are starting to emerge who were among the first groups of students or professors or other friends of the campus, and they are thinking about planning their estates. We wanted to make the website more user-friendly and aimed at the layperson who just wants to explore their options for giving.”

Featuring on the site are a glossary of terms, gift calculator, and detailed explanations of ways to give — pooled income funds, charitable lead trusts, and so on. A self-assessment helps potential donors decide what type of giving best suits them. The information can be used for general estate planning purposes, not just for researching ways to donate to the university.

Most Common Gift

The most common type of gift given to the university is a bequest in which funds are left in a will, Beekman said. Schmiedel chose an annuity because the money he donated and the payout he receives makes it a win-win situation for him and for the university.

“His gift is unrestricted, meaning he didn’t designate how he wanted his donation to be used. That type of gift is uncommon, and badly needed,” Beekman said.

“The university needs unrestricted money, and I always point out that out because it’s so difficult to get,” he said. “Anyone who has a house understands having money available to fix the roof. Not real sexy, but it needs to be done.”

Others want to make a meaningful contribution to the department or unit where they spent most, or all, of their professional lives.
Pointing the Way

Thanks to 415 faculty and staff volunteers, including Lauren Cusannelli, left, of the Harry Reid Center, UNLV welcomed more than 3,000 students and parents to campus this fall. Volunteers distributed 13,000 student handbook planners and at least 26,000 bottles of water to new and returning students while helping more than 6,000 of them find their way around with a handy campus map.

Across Campus

Engineering

ROTC Unit Doubles Size

UNLV’s Air Force ROTC unit recently doubled its size at the same time it celebrated its one-year anniversary at UNLV and as a department within the college.

Forty-five new members met on campus to “tip off” the 2006-07 academic year. The cadre now totals 85.

During the event, Air Force Maj. Mike Hogan awarded additional scholarships, bringing the total number of student scholarships to 14; eight of the scholarships were awarded to engineering majors.

Cadets spoke about leadership lab, physical training, professional development, field training, and the importance of community projects.

Capt. Todd Kautzmann and Jason Rossi spoke about pilot qualification and described success tips for college.

Fine Arts

Chamber Concert Kicks Off October Offerings

The Performing Arts Center opens the Charles Vanda Major Series on Oct. 18 with I Musici (The Classical Guitar Series). The group’s style of music, including works by Scarlatti, was named the top graduate among the technical sergeants at the Air Force’s national NCO academy leadership training course.

Graduate

New Program to Make Reviewing Graduate Applicants Easier

Faculty and staff will soon be able to review the records of prospective graduate students online. When the college completes a new electronic imaging process in the coming months, the new system will allow for electronic storage and review of transcripts and application materials of students seeking admission to the Graduate College.

Any time we can make our processes more efficient, the campus will benefit,” said Mark Rudin, interim vice president for research and graduate dean.

“Electronic storage of documents provides greater convenience to the students, scholars and faculty involved in the process of converting student application materials, streamlining the process of review of student application materials, and providing greater convenience to the campus community and expediting decision-making on graduate student admission.”

In a second phase, materials regarding new graduate programs and courses also will be available for review electronically by faculty.

Rudin added that other offices in the Division of Research and Graduate Studies, including the office of sponsored programs, are also involved in the process of converting to electronic storage of documents.

Honors

92 Students Join College

The college began the academic year with 92 incoming students, one of whom was among the 100 national high school presidential scholars invited to the White House.

Eighth of the students are Nevada residents. The average GPA of the incoming class is 3.75.

Honors Student Council Wins Rebel Achievement Award

The Honors Student Council received the fourth annual Rebel Achievement Award as the CSUN Outstanding Student Organization for 2006. In addition, council members had two proposals accepted at the Western Regional Honors Council conference in March.

"Becoming a Better Student Through Teaching," was based on student experiences as instructors of the one-credit Honors Orientation course. The other was titled "The Spirit of a Successful Honors Student Organization/Government." The presentations were so successful that the students have been invited to present at the national conference in Philadelphia in November.

Hotel

Gourmet Summit Benefits Students

The hospitality industry continues to support the college in many creative ways. In September, the World Gourmet Summit Las Vegas hosted the Grand Gourmet Safari at the World Market Center Las Vegas. This is one of many events that are exclusive gourmet festivals organized in multiple worldwide locations.

Business

Deloitte and Touche Exec to Speak Oct. 24

Sharon Allen, chairman of the board of directors for Deloitte and Touche, USA, will speak on diversity Oct. 24 as part of the Wells Fargo Distinguished Speaker Series.

The 10 a.m. event will take place in the theater of the student union.

Joining the college in 2004, Allen is responsible for the governance of an organization with more than $8 billion in annual revenues and oversees the firm’s relationships with a number of major multinational clients.

In 2003, Allen served as chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Women’s Forum of New York. The Wells Fargo Distinguished Speaker Series is a forum for dynamic national business leaders to address students and faculty. These professionals share their knowledge on various topics and provide insight into current international and domestic issues.

The presentations help students bridge the gap between the classroom and the business world. Through this program, both students and faculty will be better equipped to integrate practical experience into their base of business knowledge.

Aliens join College

Several new faculty and staff members joined the college this fall.

New to the hotel management department are Carl Brauchlich, Ashok Singh, and Mehmet Erdem, who earned his doctoral degree at UNLV in 2003. Joining the food & beverage management department are Fat Monro, who earned both his bachelor’s and doctoral degrees from UNLV in 1969 and 1983, respectively; Heikki Apas, who earned his bachelor’s degree at UNLV in 2004; and Sean Radley.

Joining the office for student advising are Matt Cutia, who earned his master’s degree at UNLV in 2006; Kim Ensigne; Kia Frericks; and David Singleton.

Frericks has an extensive background in the hospitality industry, having served as the purchasing of spectacular silent auction items that include trips to exotic locations and wine packages.

More than 90 vineyards representing 15 countries and 22 regions converged at this unique wine extravaganza, offering visitors an unprecedented opportunity to taste nearly 300 wines from five continents and devour gourmet cuisine prepared by master chefs.

Law

Immigration Conferences Set for October

More than 350 professors from around the world are expected to descend on UNLV this month for two conferences on immigration.
“These collections should not only help faculty and graduate student research, but can be used to place research-based writing at the heart of some undergraduate courses,” said Patricia Iannuzzi, dean of Libraries.

Patricia Iannuzzi, dean of Libraries, said the grant to psychology professor Brad Donohue. The grant will enable him to set up an orientation reception at the Tam Alumni Center on Aug. 14.

“SC1 101x could serve as a model for future classes. It’s clear that if students are enrolled in the right class and get into trouble for plagiarism, they may enroll in the wrong class,” Farley said.

Acquisitions include the early collection of 30,000 e-books as well as access to 6,000 new electronic books from the sciences, medicine, technology, and social sciences from Springer Publishing. Access was licensed for the 2004 and 2005 parliamentary papers, substantial historical collections of women’s and immigrants’ letters and diaries, as well as important literature collections focusing on African writers and Asian-American playwrights.

The processing of these electronic collections is under way so that they can be easily found on the catalog and website, library.unlv.edu.

Intro to Scientific Study Course Aids New Students

To help students transition from high school to university, the college has created a new course, SCI 101x, Introduction to Scientific Study. It emphasizes the improvement of overall academic performance, critical thinking, the meaning of academic integrity and honesty, as well as students’ understanding of scientific discourse and methodology.

The course will help students develop study skills. For example, practice time management, acquire deeper critical-thinking skills, and produce clear and complete presentations that follow the norms of the scientific research community. It will help them identify and discuss individual learning styles, and will make them aware of the vast information resources available to them through UNLV’s Lied Library. Because not all information on (or off) the Internet is reliable, students will learn how to find, evaluate, and use information effectively and ethically.

Physics professor John Farley, director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, developed the course with help from Patricia Iannuzzi, dean of Libraries, and librarians Diane Vanderpel and J. D. Kotul. "At other universities where similar courses are offered, participating students are more likely to graduate in four years and less likely to enroll in the wrong class," Farley said. "They are less likely to flunk a course and get into trouble for plagiarism, and more likely to develop clear career plans, and plan properly with the right degree for their career."

College Dean Ron Yasbin said, “Sci 101x could be used as a model for similar courses in other disciplines across campus, improving the performance of many UNLV students.”

University College

New Staff Join College

The college welcomed two new staff members this fall. Jason Linders moved from Montana to join the college as an athletic-academic advisor. Peter Kim, who earned a doctoral degree in education from UCLA, relocated from California to become an academic advisor in the college.

Interns Receive High Praise

College students who participated in internships during the summer were described by their professors as excellent, amazing, and talented.

Internships took place at the Las Vegas Crime Lab, Andre Agassi Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, Rebel Athletics, and the Lili Claire Foundation. Participating students included Melissa Beggs, Clarita Kendall, Isaiah Tahua, and Isaac Watts.

Urban Affairs

College Departments Welcome New Faculty, Staff

The communication studies department is adding three new faculty members: assistant professor Erin Sahshtin (Ph.D., University of Iowa), basic course director/assistant professor-in-residence Joseph Valenzano III (Ph.D., Georgia Southern University), and professor Tara M. Emmens-Sommer (Ph.D., Ohio University).

Joining the faculty in the department of criminal studies are assistant professors Timothy Hart (Ph.D, University of South Florida) and Tamara Madensen (Ph.D., University of Cincinnati).

New faculty and staff in the Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media include professor Dan Stout (Ph.D., Rutgers), assistant professor Stephen Bates (J.D., Harvard) and KUNV-FM operations manager Frank Mueller (J.D., Brigham Young).

The department of public administration welcomes assistant professor Jessica Word (Ph.D., Florida State).

Heading the dean’s office staff is new executive assistant Linda Campbell-Miller, formerly of the Boyd School of Law.


cross Campus

Acquisitions

Major Acquisitions Increase Research Resources

University Libraries has strengthend its access to vital databases with a significant number of major acquisitions of licensed electronic databases, e-books, and e-journals during the past year. These resources, made possible through the support of UNLV administration, donors, alumni, friends, and Las Vegas alumni, hold promise to significantly enhance the university’s research infrastructure.
Campuses Unite for Hispanic Heritage

Princeton sociologist Alejandro Portes will speak at UNLV Oct. 6 as part of the Hispanic Heritage activities continuing on campus this month.

Portes, an expert in social changes and development as well as social psychology, will speak from 3-4 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Boyd School of Law, Room 110. The event is free.

United Effort

Hispanic Heritage Month continues through mid-October with a variety of activities on three NSHE campuses.

“UNLV, CSUN, and NSC are working together to highlight their Hispanic Heritage activities and are spreading the event around the various campuses,” said Odalys Carmona, UNLV’s diversity program coordinator.

“This is the first time the three institutions have been present on this sort of event. It’s working well, and we plan to approach other similar events, such as Black History Month, in the same way,” she said, explaining that among the benefits to faculty, staff, and students is a co-ordinated calendar, which eliminates having more than one event scheduled at a time.

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Spotlight On Accomplishments

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Susie Lafortez (Political Science) was selected classified employee of the month in the administrative category for June. A 15-year employee, she previously worked in sociology, the Wilson Advising Center, and health and physical education. An administrative assistant for the college she is responsible for budgeting, class scheduling, and employee document preparation. She also supervises another administrative assistant.

Linda D. Stetzenbach, Chad Cross, and Rachel Walker (Environmental and Occupational Health) along with Amy Klima-Comba, Ryan Hewitt, and Joanne Henry (Harry Reid Center) presented a paper, “Measurement of Airborne and Surface-associated Fungi in Indoor, Non-Production/Non-Living Spaces in the United States,” at the 106th general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Orlando, Fla.

Leis Heaton (Kinesiology) was selected classified employee of the month in the administrative category for July. She has worked at UNLV a total of 19 years, working first for two years and then returning after an 18-year break. Originally, she worked in the College of Science and Math. Since 1989 she has worked in what now is called instructional technology services. An administrative assistant III, she supervises all AV equipment for classroom delivery and assists with satellite downlinks, videoconferences, and teleconferences.

Bill Holcomb (Kinesiology) has published several manuscripts on neuromuscular electrical stimulation, a technique used in rehabilitation of athletic injuries. The work includes “Effects of Rest Intervals on Knee Extension Torque Production with Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation,” Journal of Sport Rehabilitation, coauthored by Mack Rubiny (Kinesiology), Mike Miller (University of Western Michigan), and Todd Girouard (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Medicine). "The effect of Intact with Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation on Elbow Flexion Strength," Journal of Sport Sciences, Development and “Combating Force Decline Across Repetitions When Using NMS,” Athletic Therapy Today.

Rainer Spence (Anthropology & Ethnic Studies) has authored his second book, Challenging Multiracial Identity. It is available from Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Yu Xu (Nursing) was the editor of the August issue of the journal, Home Health Care Management & Practice. It was titled “International and Cultural Dimensions of Health.” He recently published two articles, “Advances in Conceptualization of Cultural Care and Cultural Competence in Nursing: An Initial Assessment,” which appeared in the same journal, and “From Discrimination to Coping: Evolution of Chinese Policy on the International Mobility of Nurses,” which appeared in Harvard Health Policy Review.

Sandra Owens-Kane (Social Work) was named an associate professor with tenure in July. Her pilot project, the American Elder Caregivers: Coping, Well-Being, was funded with $1.2 million from the University of Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research. She recently participated in a National Institute on Aging-, National Institute of Health-funded research training program at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn. She will participate in two follow-up meetings before completing the two-year National Institute of Health.

Stephen Rosenbaum (Honors College) received the 2005-06 Faculty Excellence Award for finding innovative ways to teach out to two populations: retired citizens and gifted high school students from Southern Nevada. He has supported the development of seminars for older students through the Osher Learning in Retirement Institute. He also has supported hundreds in the National Gifted Education Academy (SAGE). More than 60 of Clark County’s most gifted students attended the Academy at no cost. SAGE program. That is triple the number of students who attended the summer 2005 program.

Jean Sternlight (Law) was the keynote speaker at the 2006 Paaschmeier Dinner in September at Texas Station Hotel and Casino. The event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Police, a non-profit organization that encourages using mediation to resolve disputes.

Adrienne Zamora (Student Wellness) was selected classified employee of the month in the administrative category for July. A UNLV employee since 1998, she also has worked at public safety, at the controller’s office, and at times as a student worker. Now an administrative assistant III, she is involved with accounts payable and purchasing. She earned a bachelor’s degree in health care administration and now is studying for a master’s degree in health promotion.

Jorge Grossman and Richard Soule (Music) received artist fellowships for training institute at the College of St. Scholastica. Soule received the Fellowship for Music Performance, while Grossman received the Grant for Musical Composition. Stephen Hendee (Art) received the council’s Fellowship for Sculpture.

Sonja Pike (Foreign Languages) was selected as a classified employee of the month in the technical category for July. She is responsible for letters and other documents. She also coordinated part-time instructor/research contracts. She enjoys organizing office and campus activities, such as the Komen Race for the Cure, Neumann Center food drive, and backpack collections for Safe Nost. An employee since 2004, she is working on her human resources certification and brushing up on grant-writing skills through Educational Outreach.

Guo-ou Zhuang (Foreign Languages) was awarded one of two nationwide UNLV Alumni Student-Centered Awards for 2005. The Las Vegas World Affairs Council also selected Zhuang as the UNLV International Teacher of the Year at the university level.

Vicki Holmes (English Language Center) published “Making Idioms Stick: Creative Activities for Communicative Competence” in a recent edition of the TESL Reporter. The publication has a subscriber base of 5,000 second-language teachers and researchers.

Sonja Pike (Facilities) was selected classified employee of the month for July in the custodial category. A custodial worker, she has worked at UNLV more than a year.

Felicia Campbell (English) presented a paper, “Extreme Traveling Companions: Camels, Dogs or Lovers?,” at the 36th Annual Popular Culture Association/PCA Conference in Atlanta in April and chaired the travel and tourism section “Things We Carry, Things We Leave Behind.” She also attended the ceremony at which the second annual Felicia F. Campbell Service Award of the PCA was presented to Philip Simpson of Brevard College.

Judy Smith (Reprintography/Design Services) was selected as a classified employee of the month in the technical/services category for June. Now an administrative assistant II, she was a duplicating machine operator at the university for three years, a year employee, she greets customers dropping off jobs, answers questions, advises them on printing, and processes their paperwork.


Lynette Webber (History) was selected classified employee of the month in the administrative category for January. An administrative assistant III, she supports the department’s graduate coordinator. Her duties include working with graduate students, preparing class schedules, and processing paperwork. She also supervises another administrative assistant.

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If you’d like to learn how to conduct a more effective interview, how to speak conversational Spanish, or how to prepare an invention document, the human resources department has a class for you.

To check out these and other training opportunities, go to train.unlv.edu. Under “staff development” you will find the training catalog. To register for a class, you must fill out a registration form, which can be obtained by going to the “other services section and clicking on “forms.” If you have questions call ext. 5-0402.
dangerous chemicals on hand, safety is key, he said. Eventually he would like to have one office responsible for receiving all the chemicals used on campus. That would help ensure proper documentation of what chemicals are on campus and that proper safety procedures are in place.

Resources Available

Centeno said he wants staff and faculty members to be aware of the resources available via the department of risk management and safety website, rms.unlv.edu. It provides safety tips and information on hazardous materials and on safety training offered by the risk management and safety staff.

And don’t think the safety training provided is useful only on the job. Much of it, Centeno said, also may prove valuable during your off-duty hours.

Fire extinguisher training, for example, is a must for everybody, he said. People need to know that there are fire extinguishers that will extinguish only certain types of fires. It’s also important to learn the proper technique when using a fire extinguisher. “For instance, people usually aim the spray at the flames when they try to put out a fire. What they need to do is aim at the base. Otherwise, the fire isn’t going to go out.”

CPR training is another class that Centeno urges members of the UNLV community to take. He knows from his own life how valuable such instruction can be.

When his now-grown son Michael was only 18 months old, he suddenly stopped breathing. Four adults were present, but only Centeno knew how to perform CPR.

“I certainly never expected to use that training with my own family,” he said, “but I can tell you how glad I was that I knew what to do. I don’t know what would have happened to my son if I hadn’t been trained in CPR.”

More info: To check the training calendar or register online for class, go to rms.unlv.edu.

Texas Ranger Roams Campus

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

As you’re walked around campus in recent weeks, have you noticed a familiar face just isn’t quite down? Maybe you know him, you think to yourself, or maybe you’ve just seen him somewhere.

You’ve seen him somewhere—in your living room.

Clarence Gilyard Jr., who played ranger Jimmy Trivette on Walker, Texas Ranger and investigator Conrad Mc Masters on Malact joined the College of Fine Arts faculty this fall. And he didn’t waste any time transforming to campus. Before classes began he worked a couple of shifts in an “Ask Met” booth "to learn how to be a part of this family.”

As the semester started Gilyard sat down for an interview with Inside UNLV. The bookshelves of his office are lined with the works of famous authors and playwrights; not a single celebrity photo is in sight. During the interview his wife, Elena, and their 3-year-old son, Maximus, dropped in. The latter has his own drawer in Dad’s office.

What was your first paying professional job?

When I was a student at Long Beach State I was waiting tables. One of the waitresses had an audition at a theater, the Century City Playhouse, and asked if I wanted to go. The play was a musical version of an Aesop’s fable for children. I got to play a top. I got the part, I think, because of my guitar. I was 33 when I graduated, which makes me a little movie. In one script I got the part, I think, because of my guitar. I was 33 when I graduated, which makes me a little movie. In one script I went looking for an undergrad program that would be flexible enough for a professional actor. Many trained at Yale, Julliard, Columbia, and Carnegie-Mellon. Being in class with all these students I realized I didn’t have their vocabulary. They came out of these conservatory programs, these programs focused in theater, which I did not.

So what did you do?

I went looking for an undergraduate program that would be flexible enough for a professional actor. I’d already been in the business for about five years. I’d had two television series (Cheers and The Dick Factory) and a couple of pilots under my belt, but I was not satisfied. I was untrained and I needed some help, so I went back for my undergraduate degree in theater.

Where was that?

At California State University Dominguez Hills. I was 33 when I got my degree, which makes me a good fit at UNLV. I’ve been going to university ever since. While working on Walker I started my graduate studies at the University of Arkansas. Also, halfway through my time at UNLV, I chose SMU and spent three years there I decided to get a graduate degree in a conservatory program. I chose SMU and spent three years there I decided to get a graduate degree in a conservatory program. I chose SMU and spent three years there I decided to get a graduate degree in a conservatory program. I chose SMU and spent three years there.

What led you into teaching?

I’m convinced that I’m supposed to be a teacher. So after Walker ended, instead of going back to work in Hollywood, I chose to stand down. I taught in the Texas university system. Then I was offered a residency at Southern Methodist University. After a year there I decided to get a graduate degree in a conservatory program. I chose SMU and spent three years teaching Shakespeare. It’s providence. I know I’m supposed to be there.

What professional goals do you have besides teaching?

Since most people probably know you best from Matlock and Walker, I have to ask you a question that’s a twist on the old Ginger or Mary Ann question about Gilligan’s Island. Which character did you prefer, Jimmy or Conrad? (His wife, Elena, chimed in with “Jimmy” just as he replies “Conrad.” “I’m from Texas and I like the cowboy hats and the jeans,” she explains.) I love them both, but the journey in Walker got a little redundant. The time that I was with Andy (Griffith on Matlock), the opportunities in that series were endless. Each time I got the script I was doing something that was wacko. Each script was like a little movie. In one script I was a bartender and I had to learn how to be a bartender like Tom Selleck. In another I had to learn how to flip those bottles. So I went home and start flipping. In another episode I had to go undercover at a circus.
 Rebel Healers

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

When game day comes, Kyle Wilson is one of the few folks on the sidelines hoping he doesn’t have to run onto the field. When he’s in the spotlight during an athletic event, it’s a bad sign.

Wilson and his staff of four full-time athletic trainers and seven graduate students put in long hours to keep student-athletes healthy and to rehabilitate them when they are injured.

As director of athletic training since 1999, Wilson said his job is most rewarding when he sees an athlete finally return to competition after rehabilitation. “We sometimes spend four or five hours a day with the athlete in treatment and strengthening exercises,” he said.

Injury management can play a significant role in helping student-athletes both on and off the field, Wilson said. “It is very rewarding when the student-athletes graduate. When they are hurt, they sometimes want to shut everything down. Sometimes they lose sight of their goals as both students and as athletes.”

Athletic trainers treat cuts, bruises, and minor sprains to muscles and ligaments. Working around students’ class and practice schedules requires them to arrive early in the morning and leave well after evening practices. At the Lied Athletic Complex, the athletic trainers can treat muscles and bones using ultrasound, hot/cold packs, and whirlpool treatments. For more severe injuries, they lead student-athletes through range-of-motion and strength exercises.

To prevent injuries, the athletic trainers focus on warm-ups and preventive ankle taping. They also make sure the athletes are properly hydrated before and during practice and games to avoid dehydration, one major cause of cramping and injuries.